GAU 2818 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 2818 Examiner: A. Tran ELIYAHOU HARARI, ROBERT D. NORMAN and SANJAY MEHROTRA Serial No.: 09/129,675 Filed: August 5, 1998 For: FLASH EEPROM SYSTEM San Francisco, California **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 TC 2000 MAIL ROOP CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on 704. 3, 1999

INQUIRY RE STATUS

Sir:

In accordance with the Examiner's Action mailed May 27, 1999, indicating that a potential interference in exparte prosecution has suspended further pursuance of the captioned patent application (for a period extending three months), Applicant respectfully requests that information as to the status of the subject application be supplied at this time.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for the Office's convenience in responding.

Respectfully submitted,

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